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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

BRENT SCOWCROFT

SUBJECT:

Information Items

French Nuclear and Defense Policies: France announced on October 7 that it intends to withdraw 10,000 of its 60,000 troops from the FRG by the end of 1977. This withdrawal and the return of three artillery regiments from West Germany this summer are part of an army reorganization plan announced earlier this year. A well-informed defense correspondent for Le Monde linked the withdrawal to the government's refusal to allow French troops in the FRG to be included in the data used in the MBFR negotiations.

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